

Attention FDA

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It came to my attention that the FDA is being asked to take away my right to sign a medical waiver before purchasing a hearing aid. Instead I would be forced to have a medical exam or hearing test. Here's my views and/or experiences on several related questions?

1. Should I be forced to have a medical exam and/or hearing test before purchasing a hearing aid? If so, should the FDA pay for the exam?

NO! I So FDA Should Pay for it.

2. Some people are physically unable to drive to a doctor or hearing specialist, or have had bad experiences they don't want to repeat. For instance ...

I went to a hearing aid store and they high pressured me to pay \$4000 for my hearing aids

3. Should the FDA take away my Constitutional Right, affirmed by the Supreme Court, to decide for myself my medical exams and treatment?

It's my right to choose who I want to buy my hearing aids from.

4. Should I be allowed to purchase hearing aids by mail as I choose?

Mail order hearing aids is the same as getting vitamins or my perscription by mail which I do all the time. I can't drive a car. I get everything by mail.

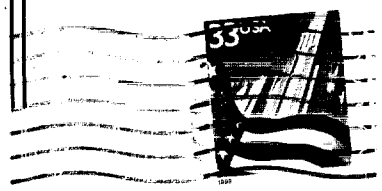
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